scale either for laying the foundation stone for university or for the portraits etc.; and

(b) if so, the number of such functions held during the last two years and what is the total amount spent on each function by the Central University, Pondicherry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not airse.

**Medical relief facility in the Rural areas**

3463. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 275 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th November, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for not giving medical relief/first aid during emergency in the remote areas where no dotcors are available; whereas crores of rupees (approx. 20 crores) are being paid to Village Health Guides;

(b) whether it is a fact that even medicines worth five paise per month per individual in the villages is not being provided where 80 per cent of the population lives; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what alternative steps are being contemplated to provide better medical facilities to the rural population of the country at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The Primary responsibility for providing medical relief/first aid during emergency is that of the State Governments who are making all out efforts to establish new Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres in rural areas for providing medical care to pepole. Village Health Guides are community volunteers and their main role is to promote health education and awareness in the community.

(b) Financial norms for supply of medicines to Primary Health Centres and Community Health Centres vary from State to State. However the Central Government supplements the State Governments' efforts by providing Rs. 6000/- worth of medicines per annum to block level Primary Health Centres and Rs. 2000/- worth of medicines to Sub-Health Centres established during the Sixth Plan and later.

(c) Primary health care infrastructure in rural areas has been expanded and a network of 1,02,160 sub-centres, 14,409 Primary Health Centres and 1,293 Community Health Centres is in existence. By the end of the Seventh Plan, it is expected that there will be one sub-centre for 5,000 rural population (3000 in tribal and hilly areas) and one Primary Health Centre for 30,000 rural population. (20,000 in tribal and hilly areas).

**Inservice training of teachers**

3464. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1963 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1987 and state the progress made so far in the direction of inservice training of teachers in various States and Union Territories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): A statement showing the progress made in the direction of inservice training of teachers under the Programme of Mass Orientation of School Teachers in various States and Union Territories during 1986-87 and 1987-88 is enclosed.